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In re Application of JOSE RAMON BOTELLA

Serial No. 09/669,476

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SIR:

REQUEST FOR A ONE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. SECTION 1.136(a)

Applicant respectfully requests a one-month extension of time, up to and including August 9, 2003 in which to file a response to the Office Action mailed April 9, 2003. Applicant has paid the fee for a one-month extension of time. Accordingly, a fee in the amount of \$110.00 for a one-month extension is enclosed. If any additional fees are required, the Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 13-2165.

Respectfully submitted,

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